



## WORKFORCE INNOVATION NOTICE: 18-12

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**TO:** LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS

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**SUBJECT:** Allocations for Adult, Youth, and Dislocated Programs for PY 2019

**DATE:** Effective: June 21, 2019

- 1. PURPOSE:** To provide Locals Workforce Development Areas with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Dislocated Worker, Adult and Youth allocations for PY 2019 and additional information.
- 2. REFERENCES:** WIOA Sec. 121(h), WIOA Sec. 121(b)(1)(B), WIOA Sec. 133(b)(B)(iii) 20 CFR 678.700, 20 CFR 678.760, 34 CFR 361.700, 34 CFR 361.760, 34 CFR 463.700, 34 CFR 463.760, TEGL 16-18, CFR §683.120
- 3. BACKGROUND:** The WIOA Adult, Youth, and Dislocated Worker allocations are for the program period July 1, 2019 (April 1, 2019 for Youth) through June 30, 2020.

### 4. ALLOCATIONS:

#### WIOA ALLOCATIONS FOR ADULT PROGRAMS

The State allocation for Adults is \$2,907,668. The State Set-Aside for Adults is 15%, which equals \$436,150. The remaining 85% equaling \$2,471,518 after applying the Hold Harmless calculation, is distributed to the Local Areas according to the percentage allocation formula.

LWDA	PERCENTAGE	AMOUNT
WPGRI	55.94%	\$1,382,567
WSPC	44.06%	\$1,088,951

#### WIOA ALLOCATIONS FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS

The State allocation for Youth is \$3,395,462. The State Set-Aside for Youth is 15%, which equals \$509,319. The remaining 85% equaling \$2,886,143 after applying the Hold Harmless calculation, is distributed to the Local Areas according to the percentage allocation formula.

LWDA	PERCENTAGE	AMOUNT
WPGRI	55.62%	\$1,605,273
WSPC	44.38%	\$1,280,870

Allotments are once again taken from two Federal budgets. Funds for the Adult program will be split into PY19/FY20.

### **WIOA ALLOCATIONS FOR DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAMS**

The state allocation for Dislocated Workers is \$3,963,193. The State Set-Aside for Dislocated Workers is 15%, which equals \$594,479. In addition, 25% of the DW allocation is reserved for Rapid Response, which equals \$990,798.

Sixty percent, or \$2,377,916 is to be distributed to the Local Areas according to the following percentages. The Hold Harmless provision does not apply.

<b>LWDA</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
WPGRI	72.51%	\$1,724,227
WSPC	27.49%	\$ 653,689

## **5. FORMULAS**

The Secretary of Labor and the Governor of each state use the same three-part formula for the distribution of funds, in the Secretary's case to the states and in each Governor's case, to local Workforce Investment Areas. The "hold harmless" provisions of the WIOA (described below) prevent the very wide upward or downward changes in Adult and Youth allocations from one year to the next that a pure application of formulas might bring.

Of the WIOA formula funds allotted for services to Youth and Adults, the Governor must reserve funds from each of these sources for statewide workforce investment activities. In making these reservations, the Governor may reserve up to 15.00% from each of these sources. (Section 128 (a) (1))

Unless the Governor elects to distribute funds in accordance with the discretionary allocation formula for Youth and Adults as described in 128(b)(3) and 133(b)(3) for Youth and Adult respectively, the remainder of the funds not reserved must be allocated to the Workforce Investment Areas (Section 133 (b)). Formula factors used to complete the following allocation formula can be found in the attachments.

### **ADULT ALLOCATION FORMULA Section 132 (b) (1) (B) (ii) (iii)**

PART I: 33 1/3 percent shall be allocated on the basis of the relative number of unemployed individuals residing in areas of substantial unemployment in each Workforce Investment Area as compared to the total number of such unemployed individuals in all such areas of substantial unemployment in the State

PART II: 33 1/3 percent shall be allocated on the basis of the relative excess number of unemployed individuals who reside in each Workforce Investment Area as compared to the total excess number of unemployed individuals in the State; and

PART III: 33 1/3 percent shall be allocated on the basis of the relative number of economically disadvantaged ADULTS within each Workforce Investment Area as compared to the total number of economically disadvantaged ADULTS in the State.

## **YOUTH ALLOCATION FORMULA Section 128 (b) (2) (i)**

PART I: 33 1/3 percent shall be allocated on the basis of the relative number of unemployed individuals in areas of substantial unemployment in each Workforce Investment Area as compared to the total number of such unemployed individuals in all such areas of substantial unemployment in the State;

PART II: 33 1/3 percent shall be allocated on the basis of the relative excess number of unemployed individuals in each Workforce Investment Area as compared to the total excess number of unemployed individuals in all Workforce Investment Area in the State; and

PART III: 33 1/3 percent shall be allocated on the basis of the relative number of economically disadvantaged YOUTH within each Workforce Investment Area as Compared to the total number of economically disadvantaged YOUTH in the State.

## **DISLOCATED WORKER FORMULA Section 133(b)(2)(ii)**

Section 133 of the WIOA requires the Governor to prescribe the formula to be used in issuing allocations to the sub state grantees. In prescribing the formula, the Governor, utilizing the most appropriate information available, shall assign weights to a set of six formula factors. WIOA Final Rules §683.120 outline the six required factors. The weights the Governor has assigned the following weights for PY 2020:

Insured unemployment data	20%
Unemployment concentrations	20%
Plant closings and mass layoff data	20%
Declining industries data	20%
Long-term unemployment data	20%
Farm Rancher data	0%